

# APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 7.00 million pounds in 1999, down from 1998. Prices averaged 29.3 cents per pound, up 0.9 cents from 1998 but still down from the record high 31.6 cents in 1996. The value of utilized production totaled \$2.05 million, down from the \$2.56 million in 1998. Kentucky orchards received minimal winter damage thanks to a mild winter, and expectations were high. Producers were optimistic for an excellent crop after a promising spring. However, the prolonged summer drought decreased both the quality and the quantity of the 1999 apple crop.

U.S. utilized apple production for 1999 was estimated at 10.4 billion pounds, 3 percent less than 1998. Production in Eastern States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in Washington, Colorado, and Idaho.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 1.50 million pounds in 1999 unchanged from 1998. Prices averaged 43.0 cents per pound, up 5.5 cents from 1998 but well below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 1999 production totaled \$645,000 compared to \$563,000 in 1998. The favorable winter and spring conditions experienced by the apple crop provided similarly high expectations for the peach crop in 1999. Unfortunately the drought took a toll on the quantity of peaches harvested. The drought had one beneficial effect on the peach crop with sweeter fruit harvested due to the concentrations of the sugars.

U.S. utilized peach production in 1999 was estimated at 2.42 billion pounds, up 4 percent from last year but 3 percent below 1997. The California crop, accounting for 74 percent of the U.S. peach crop, was up 4 percent from 1998.

## KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1990 - 1999

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
1990	7.0	22.0	1.0	200.00	8.0	20.5	1,640
1991	15.0	23.0	1.0	160.00	16.0	22.1	3,530
1992	14.0	23.0	1.0	220.00	15.0	22.2	3,330
1993	16.0	21.0	2.0	140.00	18.0	19.4	3,500
1994	5.8	23.0	0.7	200.00	6.5	21.6	1,404
1995	8.7	27.8	1.4	224.00	10.1	25.5	2,576
1996	8.5	32.4	1.1	510.00	9.6	31.6	3,035
1997	4.9	27.0	0.9	420.00	5.8	26.1	1,512
1998	9.0	28.4	0.0	0.00	9.0	28.4	2,556
<b>1999</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>188.00</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>2,051</b>

## KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1990 - 1999

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000 )
1990	1/	1/	-	-	1/	1/	1/
1991	3.7	35.0	-	-	3.7	35.0	1,295
1992	3.7	29.0	-	-	3.7	29.0	1,073
1993	5.6	30.0	-	-	5.6	30.0	1,680
1994	1/	1/	-	-	1/	1/	1/
1995	3.9	32.2	-	-	3.9	32.2	1,256
1996	0.4	62.3	-	-	0.4	62.3	249
1997	0.5	30.0	-	-	0.5	30.0	150
1998	1.5	37.5	-	-	1.5	37.5	563
<b>1999</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>645</b>

1/No significant commercial production due to freeze.